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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows. The amendments are presented below in clean form (i.e., without markings that indicate the changes that have been made); marked-up versions of the amendments are presented in the attached appendix.

In the claims:

2. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the multi-function sheet binder comprises a tool carrier having separate sides each respectively supporting one of an adhesive heater tool, an adhesive former tool and an adhesive cooler tool.

4. (Amended) A system of binding sheets into a bound text body, comprising:
a spot heater configured to heat one or more localized areas of a solid hot melt
adhesive to a temperature sufficient to tack the hot melt adhesive to a text body spine without
melting other areas of the hot melt adhesive.

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